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RAJYA SABHA

Modernization of Hydel Power Projects

†3433. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 60 projects have been identified in Hydel Power sector in the country which require to be revamped and modernized;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard and the actual number of such projects;

(C) the benefit likely to be accrued from these projects as compared to present generation, after completion of their revamping and modernizing process; and

(d) the details of total amount to be spent on the same?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) The Central Electricity Authority (CEA) had initially identified 60 hydro projects/schemes for Renovation & Modernization (R&M) during the XIth Plan. However, since 8 schemes programmed for completion during 2006-07 could not be completed by 31.3.2007, the total number of R&M schemes now tentatively programmed for XIth Plan is 68.

(c) Completion of R&M of these 68 schemes, having an aggregate installed capacity of about 12,288 MW, is expected to yield a benefit of about 4,377 MW.

(d) The estimated cost of the R&M of these schemes is about Rs. 3,614 crores.

High rates of power tariffs

†3434. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the power tariffs for industry and trade and power tariffs for domestic usage in India is higher in comparison to countries such as USA, Japan, China, France and England;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.